

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, an Abstract of the Disclosure has been added as the last page of the application (page no. 30). The separate page for the Abstract of the Disclosure is enclosed herewith.

An amendment to the specification is also made to incorporate related application information and headings and subheadings.

Claims 42-82 are currently pending. The claims have been amended in order to conform them to U.S. practice. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to the examination of the application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of the Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Abstract of the Disclosure

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Replace the abstract originally provided on the cover sheet of the PCT application with the following new abstract. A new abstract numbered page 30 is enclosed for the last page of the application following the claims.

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A continuous elongated element coming from an extruder or a supply reel is wound into coils disposed consecutively close to each other on a cylindrical forming support. A pusher element urges each coil formed on the forming support against the previously formed coils causing translation of same to a cutter. Following cutting of the coils, a continuous semifinished product is obtained which has elongated reinforcing elements disposed parallel and close to each other and transversely of the longitudinal extension of the semifinished product.